

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her courtesy and thoughtful review during the recent telephonic interview regarding the above-identified application. The interview focused on Claim 12 since that claim had no rejections based on Sections 101, 102 or 103. The agreement reached during the interview with the Examiner required the Applicant to submit an amendment to Claim 12 to clarify that the outer diameter of the proximal end of the additional tube section was larger than the inner diameter of the distal end of the first tube section. Claim 12 was a dependent claim and has been combined with prior claim 10 (now canceled). It is respectfully submitted that, as shown in the claim amendments above, Claim 12, now the only pending claim, has been so amended. It is the Applicant's understanding that such an amendment would receive favorable consideration from the Examiner.

The second agreement required the Applicant to further clarify that the specification is enabling for a conductive lead both being placed on the first tube section and extending less than the entire length of the first tube section. Applicant has removed, by amendment to the specification, a reference to drawing Figures 4 and 5. Applicant also would respectfully point to several locations in the entire specification supporting the points noted above. Applicant also has amended claim 12 to more specifically claim the feature of a conductive lead being placed on the exterior of the shaft and extending along a portion of the shaft.

First, the application itself claims priority to Provisional Application No.: 60/394,026. (Note: the reference numbers that follow are taken from the Provisional Application). Page 3 of 12, second full paragraph, indicates that "leads consisting of

wires, conductive strips, metallic tape, etc., attached to or embedded in and running along the outside of the shaft prevent the weapon from being taken away...” Further, Page 6 of 12, first full paragraph provides that “the handle 10 ... may be eliminated ... and the power unit 21, batteries 13, and wiring 16 16’ are contained in the base of the largest diameter ... shaft segment. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that it is clearly contemplated that the shaft segment containing the anti-grab leads would serve as the handle.

Moreover, the present application, on Page 3, Lines 20-22 provide that “Conductive strips ... may be placed along the shaft to prevent an attacker from grabbing and removing the telescoping gun...” Additional references to conductive leads running along the shaft include Page 4, Lines 5-6 (“conductive leads that run along the shaft”), Page 10, Lines 22-23 (“number and arrangement of leads can vary”), the Abstract, Lines 16-20 (“Conductive strips... placed along the shaft to prevent an attacker from grabbing and removing the telescoping stun gun”) and (original) Claim 12. It is respectfully submitted that there is ample support for conductive leads being placed along the exterior of any segment of the present stun gun.

It is further respectfully submitted that there is support for a conductive lead being placed in any number of configurations, particularly along only a portion of the length of a shaft. There is no limitation anywhere in the specification that an anti-grab conductive strip has to run the full length of the shaft. Finally, it is respectfully submitted that a person of skill in the art would know not to place the “business part” of the stun gun in the place where the user is supposed to grab the shaft. It is further respectfully submitted that no new matter is introduced by virtue of the foregoing amendments.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently pending in the captioned application define allowable subject matter in view of the amendments and remarks herein. An early and favorable notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

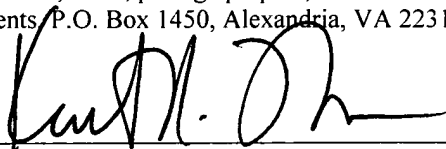


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